"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Last Thursday evening Sam Davidson was re-elected Director to Dark Fire Cured Tobacco Marketing Cooperative for a three-year term beginning August 1.

Sam has previously served three terms on the Board of Directors and currently serves on the Executive Committee, Marketing Committee and Warehouse Committee.

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This Friday is Animal Industry Day at Virginia Tech. Those who would like to pool transportation will depart from the County Extension Office at 7 a.m.

There is an excellent program planned for livestock producers.

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Saturday afternoon, July 23, the Appomattox Cattlemen's Association will hold their summer meeting at the O. H. Tolley farm. This is a family affair for members.

A program relating to artificial breeding of beef cattle will follow the meal. A number of cattlemen in Appomattox County are using this means of improving their herds.

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It's that time of year to begin preparing for the fall vegetable garden. It's time to seed broccoli, use Waltham 29 variety; green peas, Wando variety; fall cabbage, select one of the hybrid varieties and if you haven't tried Chinese cabbage try the Michihli variety. Fall planting should be made directly and thin out after they come up.

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Flies can be a real problem for cattle. Don't let other summer work interfer with the control of these pests.

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The State Beekeepers Association will hold their summer meeting this Saturday at the WOW Building here in Appomattox...(One of the interesting parts of the program will be to see a 17 year old boy build a bee beard on his face.

Beekeeping is an old art that provides food and plays an important role in pollination of plants.

The Sourwood trees are in full bloom and hold the promise of a good supply of sourwood honey.

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Last Tuesday evening flue tobacco growers attending a meeting in Blackstone, heard how the new grading system would affect flue cured tobacco this year.

A great deal of emphasis will be placed on the amount of sand and dirt on lower stalk tobacco. Normal amounts of sand and dirt will carry the support price, while moderate amount of sand and dirt will be discounted 10% if it goes to stabilization and tobacco graded as excessive will carry no support price.

It was pointed out that 47% of the total inventory in stabilization was primings and nondescript grades. In 1976, 86% of the tobacco going to stabilization was in the P and N grades.

The word to producers was simply -- produce a quality product in 1977.

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EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS ATTENDED FAMILY RESOURCES CONFERENCE

Mrs. Isabelle Coleman, County Extension Chairman; Mrs. Geraldine Marshall, Treasurer; Mrs. Ethel Evans, Chairman Elect; Mrs. Jeanette Balthaser, Mrs. Virginia Martin, Mrs. Charlotte Jones, Mrs. Margaret Lee, Mrs. Louise Plunkett and Mrs. Mosley left Tuesday morning for Blacksburg where they attended a two-day Family Resources Conference.

Central Va. Com. on Aging Awarded $140,546

The Central Virginia Commission on Aging has been awarded $140,546 through the Virginia Office on Aging to assist low income families with past and future heating costs. the federal program, administered by the Community Services Administration, is knows as the Special Crisis Intervention Program. It is designed "to prevent low income households, including the near poor, the elderly and those on fixed incomes, from experiencing danger to health or survival as a result of utility disconnection or lack of fuel."

The Commission on Aging will provide staff to locate eligible participants sixty years and over and will designate other local services agencies to process eligible persons under sixty years. None of the awarded funds will be used for administrative costs. Cooperation will be sought from utility companies, fuel vendors, and non-profit agencies.

Individuals, families and elderly persons who are poor or near poor based on the federal poverty level will be eligible to participate. Some proof of income eligibility will be required.

If a household meets income eligibility, verification that an energy emergency exists must be provided by a notice of disconnection, overdue fuel bills, or notice of refusal to deliver.

The program is designed to provide one-time assistance to each household up to $250.00. Processing for the program will begin July 20 and will conclude on or before September 1, 1977. Persons wishing to apply for assistance or those knowing of eligible participants should contact the Commission on Aging (804) 384-0372.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN FARMVILLE

FARMVILLE - The 22nd annual convention of the Southside Virginia Volunteer Firemen's Association will be held at the Firemen's Sports Arena here Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

Foremost on the agenda for the business session is a resolution proposed for submission to the United States Congress asking for adequate compensation to cover volunteer firemen permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty.

The convention also will include memorial services for members who died within the past year, election and installation of officers for 1977-78, a parade through the city, firemenship contests, supper at 6:00 p.m., and finally a dance starting at 9:00 p.m.

J. R. Orgain Jr. of Alberta, a member of the association's legislative committee, said that volunteer fire departments now are confronted with an increase in the cost of workmen's compensation insurance from $7.00 to $70.00 per man per year, and that many of the rural area fire companies will be unable to adequately insure their members.

"The recent loss of over 200 lives in fires (at a night club in Kentucky and at a jail in Tennessee) from poisonous gases which volunteer firemen and rescue squadsmen are subjected to in nearly all fires of a structural nature, the sniper bullet death of a volunteer fire chief and a citizen and the critical wounding of a volunteer fireman, and bombings over the past year, all point up to the critical need for adequate compensation to cover the volunteers permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty," Orgain said.

The resolution points to the daily introduction of new materials in the manufacture of products used in all walks of public life that create poisonous and deadly gases under the conditions of fire, heat and water.

The resolution requests the "Congress of the United States to establish a fund (or a supplemental fund in the event some states provide a measure of relief) in order that volunteers or their families may receive a minimum sum of $100,000 in event a volunteer is totally disabled or killed in the line of duty."

The Firemen's Sports Arena is located on State Rt. 628, one mile southeast of U. S. Rt. 15 and two miles south of the State Rt. 45-U.S. Rt. 460 intersection in Farmville. Registration will be from 9 until 10 a.m.

GREW LARGE TOMATO

Mrs. Volney Garrette of Route 3, Appomattox is shown above with large one pound two ounce tree tomato grown in her garden. The tomato measured 14 inches around and was quite "delicious looking."

READY FOR CAMP

Packed and ready for camp were two excited young men on Sunday, July 3, 1977. Alvin Walker and Ivan Abbitt, shown above, will spend two fun filled weeks at Camp Easter Seal in Craig County.

Both boys received full scholarships to camp through the generous support of several local organizations. Thanks are extended to The Latin Club, Lucky Clover 4-H, Appomattox Senior 4-H, Mighty Four 4-H, A.C.H.S. Newspaper Staff, The Art Club, F.F.A., D.E.C.A., The Pamplin Ruritans, and to Elon Baptist Church. Without the joint efforts and contributions of these fine organizations, the scholarships would not have been possible.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN COURSE SCHEDULED

An 81-hour emergency medical technician - ambulance (EMT-A) will be taught on Wednesday nights from 7 to 10 P.M. by Russell C. Fulks and David Riley, beginning on July 20th.

The class will meet at the Lynchburg Life Saving Crew Hall on Memorial Avenue, and will be worth 8.1 continuing education credits from The Central Virginia Community College.

There is no tuition, but students are expected to purchase their own books and to pay a small admisnitrative fee.

Successful completion of the course results in certification by the State Health Department as an Emergency Medical Technican.

Those interested please contact Betsy P. Rowbottom, Blue Ridge EMS Council, (804) 528-0364.

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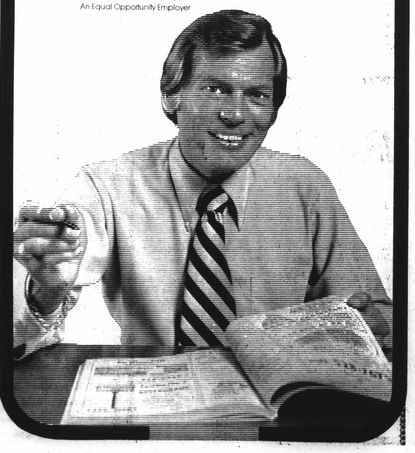

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Ernest Reid

Mrs. Ruth Mae Reid, 75, of Rt. 1, Appomattox, died at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at her residence after a long illness. Her husband was the late Ernest Reid.

Born in Appomattox County, a daughterof James Robert and Willie Mann Reed, she was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, David C. Reid of Appomattox; three daughters,Mrs. David Foldesi of Richmond, Mrs. W. David Barker of Lynchburg and Mrs. Josephine R. Carwile of Woodstock; two brothers, Thomas and Allen Reed, both of Appomattox; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Willie Elder, Mrs. Noonie Davidson, Mrs. Alma Ayres and Mrs. Louise Mayberry, all of Appomattox, eight grandren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday from Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, by the Rev. Doyle Chauncey with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

Clarence E. Richardson

PAMPLIN -Clarence Edward Richardson, 68, of Rt. 1, Pamplin died at 8 a.m. Thursday at his residence. He was the husband of Mrs. Carrie Goin Richardson.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Herman Preston Richardson and Frances Ferguson Richardson. He was a member of Rocks Baptist Church and a retired employe of Norfolk and Western Railroad.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Lloyd Edward Richardson, Herman Harrison Richardson and Otis Kelly Richardson, all of Pamplin; a daughter, Ruby Richardson Almond of Pamplin; two sisters, Mrs. Alese Cumby and Mrs. Irma Smith of Pamplin, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in Rocks Baptist Church by the Rev. A. M. Taylor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

John M. Ferguson

John Marshall Ferguson, 96, of Rt. 2, Appomattox, died at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alma Ann Woody. He was the husband of the late Leola Smith Ferguson.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of the late Phillip Ferguson and Julia Ann Beasley Ferguson. He was a retired farmer and at the time of his death was the oldest member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

He is survived by four sons, Howard M. Ferguson and Wilson Ryland Ferguson, both of Appomattox; Norman Lloyd Ferguson of Spout Spring and Roy Holmes Ferguson of Salem; two daughters, Mrs. Alma Ann Woody and Mrs. Mae F. Williamson, both of Appomattox; 28 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday from Memorial United Methodist Church by the Rev. Edward P. Leonard. Burial will be at the Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home in Appomattox is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Douglas Davis

Thomas Douglas Davis of Route 4, Appomattox departed this life Monday, June 20, 1977 at Lynchburg General Hospital after a short illness.

Born in Appomattox County January 31, 1918, he was the eldest son of Mrs. Mary E. and Tommie Davis. He was owner and operator of Davis Barber Shop in Appomattox and a member of Jordan Baptist Church, which he joined at an early age and attended until his death.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Richard Davis of Washington, D.C., Robert Lee Davis of Charleston, W. Va., and Arthur D. Davis of Concord; three sister-in-laws, Mrs. Richard Davis of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Robert Lee Davis of Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. Arthur D. Davis of Concord; three grandchildren all of Lynchburg; two aunts, Mrs. Issac Smith of Charleston, West Virginia and Mrs. Rona Stevens of Appomattox; two uncles, Mr. Issac Smith of Charleston, W. Va., and Mr. John Stevens of Appomattox; and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, June 24, 1977 at 4 p.m. at Jordan Baptist Church in Appomattox. Burial was in the church cemetery.

West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Charles E. Harris

Charles Edward Harris passed away at his residence, Route 1, Spout Spring.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday in Mt. Airy Baptist Church with interment in the church cemetery.

West Funeral Home in Appomattox is in charge of arrangements.

CHESTNUT GROVE

Morris and May Walden of Farmville and Luther Walden of Lynchburg were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris. Mrs. Bob Bryan and Mrs. Bernard Talbert were hostesses to a bridal shower for Bonita Harris in the church basement Saturday night.

The Homemakers Club met in the home of Mrs. W. T. Cook Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison and family of Lewisville, Texas are visiting in the Morris homes this week.

Mrs. Robert Metcalfe and Mary Ann of Virginia Beach are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook. Other visitors during the weekend were Wayne Cook of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook and boys of Prospect.

Mrs. Katherine Carson and Mrs. Pat Carson and children all of Spout Spring were Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepard of Washington,D.C. were Tuesday overnight guests of

FEDERAL PAYMENTS TO WHEAT FARMERS NEARLY CERTAIN, ASCS SAYS

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wheat loan rate of $2.25 per bushel as an example, the deficiency payment rate would be 22 cents per bushel."

"Deficiency payments to farmers are calculated by multiplying the farm's established yield times the farm's allotment acreage, and multiplying the result times the deficiency payment rate," Mr. Conrad explained.

"For example, if a farmer has an established yield of 25 bushels per acre, a 200 - acre allotment, and the deficiency payment rate is 22 cents per bushel, the farmer's deficiency payment would total $1,100 (25 x 200 x $0.22 = $1,100)."

"All farmers having wheat allotments are automatically eligible for deficiency payments, regardless of the disposition of their wheat. Whether the wheat has been sold, placed under loan with the Commodity Credit Corporation, or is stored on or off the farm, does not have any bearing on a farmer's eligibility for the payment," he said.

Mr. Conrad added that under farm program legislation currently being considered in both the Senate and the House of Representatives this deficiency payment provision of the current program relative to their farm should contact the county ASCS office or an ASC county committee member.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris.

Mrs. Kermit Cook and Dennis of Chesterfield brought Mrs. Lucy Glover back Sunday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John Glover of Appomattox and Roma and Wilbur Glover of Andersonville.

Mrs. A. N. Morris visited Mr. and Mrs. John Waycaster and family of Dillwyn Sunday.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bugg, Hugh and Nadine attended the July 4th festivities at Pixley's Farm.

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